

“You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16.13-20

Reflection

On a hot summer afternoon, after arriving home with my four young kids and a friend who helped run our older ones’ summer camp, I placed my key in the keyhole. The door unlocked but I couldn’t get my key out. It was stuck for good!

Making the most out of an unusual situation, I brought out cold drinks and freezies and we camped out by the front door, to prevent the theft of the key. I then realized that if we couldn’t get the key out, nobody could, so we went inside and I made dinner. We also kept an eye on the door in case someone would walk in. Thankfully my husband is quite handy, and he replaced the lock assembly with a padlock that evening so we wouldn’t have to guard the door overnight.

With keys come big responsibilities. The key holder decides for whom to open the door, whom to let in, and when to protect the home by locking the door. We guard and protect our keys and the things and places that they unlock. St. Peter was given authority over the Church, which is a huge responsibility.

Let us pray for the Pope, St. Peter’s successor as guardian and doorkeeper of the Church, that God may guide him in welcoming and protecting everyone united in our Lord.

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First Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm:
*Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*
Second Reading: Romans 11.33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Moved? Please keep us up to date.
Not registered? Please sign up.

– PARISH NEWS –

THANK YOU!

Last weekend, our parish community celebrated its feast day. It takes many volunteers and lots of time to organize an event this size. We thank God for the generosity and talent of the many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. THANK YOU to all those who:

- prayed with us
- took part in the Eucharistic procession
- decorated the church and the hall
- prepared and served food
- helped clean up the kitchen and the hall
- took beautiful photos in remembrance of the feast

May the God Lord reward you for all your hard work and dedication, and may Saint Maximilian Kolbe intercede for you.

Farewell Fr. Pawel Ratajczak

Thank you, Fr. Pawel, for your faithful service in our parish in the last year. May God continue to bless you and Mary Immaculate intercede in your intentions as you begin your ministry in St. Mary’s Parish in Wilno.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 23 – Knights of Columbus
August 30 – Oblate Youth

Second Collection
August 29/30

Church Maintenance Fund
Thank you for your generosity.

August: the month of sobriety

„Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse.”

Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski

If you are willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

Rosary Intention for August

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Rose #23 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, August 24
Saint Bartholomew – Apostle

Tuesday, August 25
Saint Louis – King
Saint Joseph Calasanz – Priest

Wednesday, August 26
Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa

Thursday, August 27
Saint Monica

Friday, August 28
Saint Augustine
– Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, August 29
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 30 at 11 a.m.
If your wedding anniversary is in July, August, or September and you would like to be included in a special prayers and blessing, please contact the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven Mondays, from **October 5 to November 23**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in February 2027.

Offertory Envelopes

This month we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for 2027. Families who currently do not use envelopes but would like to have their own set are asked to contact the parish office at kolbe@kolbe.ca or (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

Sacramental Records

Under Ontario privacy legislation and the Archdiocese of Toronto privacy policy, sacramental records or information about a sacramental record will only be released:

- to the person to whom the document pertains and whose name appears on the record,
- OR to the parent or legal guardian of an individual under 18 years old,
- OR if there has been prior authorization for the release of this information.

– OTHER NEWS –

Preparation for First Communion
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of First Communion includes a number of lessons, first reconciliation, and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents at the start of classes. In addition, there will be two formation meetings for parents. We encourage children (dressed in their Communion albs) and their parents to participate in a “White Week”, which begins immediately after the First Communion, from Monday to Friday at the 7 p.m. Mass. According to the Polish tradition, “White Week” is an extension of the First Holy Communion celebration; it deepens the faith and joy of receiving the sacrament. During the “White Week”, children will receive a rosary, a prayer book, and a First Holy Communion certificate.

First Communion classes will be held on Tuesdays (6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.) and Saturdays (1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.). **First Communion Mass** is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2027 at 4 p.m. in English and Sunday, May 9, 2027 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

Preparation for Confirmation
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation includes a number of lessons and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents at the start of classes. In addition, candidates for confirmation are expected to attend one all-day retreat, which will take place at the Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre. Finally, there will be two formation meetings for parents.

Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays (6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.). **Confirmation Mass** is scheduled for April 3, 2027 at 4 p.m. in English.

* REGISTRATION *
First Communion & Confirmation

Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
in the parish hall

Tuesday, September 15, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Thursday, September 17, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms will be available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab starting September 11 and in-person during registration. Material fee is \$100 – cash or cheque payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Copy of Baptism Certificate is required for all students, even if the baptism took place in our parish.

– OTHER NEWS –

Retreats

Ignatian Retreat
September 27 – October 4
Morristown, NJ
For more information please contact:
Mocni w Duchu
rekolekcjeignacjanskieuca@gmail.com

Pilgrimages

Portugal, Spain, France
September 27 – October 10
Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI
For more information please contact:
Stan (647) 463-9057

Guadalupe: November 9-15
For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Guadalupe: December 9 – 15
Organizers: St. Casimir’s Parish
For more information please contact:
Polimex (905) 238-6683

* See posters for details. *

Golf Tournament

The Maximilian Kolbe Foundation invites you to a golf tournament on **Saturday, September 12** at the Granite Ridge Golf Club in Milton. Details are available at jp2pcc.ca, by phone at (905) 306-9900, or in person at the Center. Proceeds from the tournament support the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center.

Grant Applications for Students
Important announcement regarding grant application for students and descendants of Polish Home Army (AK)!

The deadline for submitting applications is **September 15, 2026**. Applications must be completed in full and submitted together with all supporting documents; otherwise, they will not be considered.
More information at:
www.millenniumfund.ca

Roncesvalles Polish Festival
September 19 & 20

Toronto’s Polish street festival returns for its 20th anniversary, celebrating food, music, and culture in the heart of Roncesvalles. Festival hours: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 24

8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa and Jan Kunecki
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for health for Halina Zygmunt on her 43rd birthday

TUESDAY August 25

8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna and Jozef Pluto – son and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Katarzyna, Pawel and Tomasz

WEDNESDAY August 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw and Emil Krupka
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 27

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing, health, gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary’s protection for Aneta, Anna, and Ewelina – parents
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the Rainer family

FRIDAY August 28

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Piotr, Pawel, and Tomasz
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra and Edward Bardecki, Klemans Wojciechowski

SATURDAY August 29

8⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for Katarzyna and children Linda, Robert and their families
17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Susan Switakowski and Peter Powell on his 50th birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Sebastian Jakobisiak (14th) – parents, siblings, family

SUNDAY August 30

8⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislaw Kuk
9³⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Feliksa and Walenty Siuda – granddaughters Irene and Tania and family
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for health and God’s blessing for Zofia and Kazimierz on their 50th wedding anniv.
19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Milkowska and Stanislaw Demianczuk – family

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca